do not think they have applied for a licence. Their object is to demonstrate without applying for the licence. This is going on every day."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I understand that a man is very seriously bed-ridden in the Royapettah Hospital. May I request you, Sir, to give us a half-hour debate on this question?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—" To-day is Friday. Apart from that, I have since agreed to have a half an hour debate on the cancellation of teachers' certificates tomorrow. We have got also the debate on the new elementary education scheme. In the non-official programme, the third item relates to it. Under rule 22, it can be taken up earlier. Perhaps one day will be allotted for a debate on that subject. You may then discuss whatever you want. So, I cannot allow a half an hour debate now."

Sri A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" இந்த கேள்விகளுக்கு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்குவதாக நேற்று நீங்கள் சொன்னீர்களே? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இதே விஷயம் திங்கட்கிழமை விவாதத்திற்கு வருகிறது. திங்கட்கிழமை non-official day யாக ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று Leader of the House சொன்னார்களாதலால் இன்றைக்கு இந்தக் கேள்விக்கு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்க முடியாமல் இருக்கிறது."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" On a point of information, Sir, திங்கட்கிழமை புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தைப்பற்றி விவாதிப்பதற்காக ஒதுக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆனால், இன்று கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கும் ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரணை நேற்று நடந்த தடியடிப் பிரயோகத்தைப்பற்றியும், கண்ணீர்ப் புகையைப் பற்றியதுமாகும். ஆகையால், இன்றைக்கு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இதுவும் திங்கட்கிழமை விவாதத்திற்கு வரும் விஷயத்தில் அடங்கியிருக்கிறது."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" இது வேறு, அது வேறு. இரண்டு விஷயங்களையும் ஒன்றாகச் சேர்ப்பது சரியல்ல."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" திங்கட்கிழமை விவாதத்தில் இந்த விஷயமும் வருகிறதா, இல்லையா என்று பாருங்கள் " (சிரிப்பு.)

Abolition of the posts of Poet Laureates.

* 967 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri P. B. K. Rajachidambaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the reasons for abolishing the posts of Poet Laureates in the Madras State?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are of the view that real poetry cannot be inspired by this method."

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* 968 *Q.*—Sri S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the reasons for the abolition of Poet Laureateship?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Attention is invited to the answer to question No. 967."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister inform the House whether the Government are taking any other steps to encourage artists for the development of art and culture? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" A 'Sahitya Academy has been formed by the Government of India and steps are being taken in our State to form regional academies."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I heard the Hon. Minister to say that real poetry cannot be encouraged by this method. Are we to understand that any Government encouragement would mean 'devoid of reality'? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" One thing is clear. Government patronage will not produce poetry, real or unreal, but a certain amount of unreal poetry can be produced by patronage of some kind. But that is not poetry."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Government consider the suggestion, namely, that they could really inspire poetry and art by taking more artistic and poetic personalities into the Cabinet? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The experience of all countries is against Government patronage."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Government say that poetry cannot be inspired by this method. Will the Government be pleased to reward inspired poets? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That was done. But when we came to a stage when further encouragement by money grants was to be considered, we stopped it. There were a certain number of inspired poets, but we cannot go on manufacturing poets."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what is the amount that the Government stand to gain by the abolition of these posts? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not a question of gain, Sir. However, that an incentive to flatterers and others has been stopped is a gain."

Palace servants of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 969 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and category of servants discontinued from the Palace service of the former Pudukkottai State after merger of Pudukkottai with Madras;

(*b*) whether the Palace servants belonged to the State Government Service of the former Pudukkottai State Service; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for such discontinuance?